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(*d*) the number of applicants from each community for admission into the Veterinary College and the number of students of each community actually admitted into the college for the past seven years;

(*e*) whether the Government are aware that the proportion of Muslim students selected this year is too inadequate and the proportion of stipends to Muslim students is still more inadequate; and

(*f*) whether it is a fact that good proportion of the stipends allotted by the Government is distributed among the students of the Veterinary College at Vizagapatam; if so, whether the Government will furnish the House with a statement of the proportion during the last five years?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) From the year 1919 to the year 1923, 40 scholarships of Rs. 15 per mensem each were allowed annually at the Madras Veterinary College. In the year 1923 Government, on the recommendation of the Retrenchment Committee, reduced the annual number of scholarships to 15 of Rs. 15 per mensem each.

(*c*) & (*d*) A statement[a] is appended.

(*e*) Of the 24 Muhammadan applicants, seven were admitted, of whom three have been given stipends out of the 15 stipends.

(*f*) There is no Veterinary College at Vizagapatam.

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" May I know whether it is proposed to increase the number of stipends from the ensuing year?"

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—(After a pause) " There is no request from the Treasury Bench for a repetition of the question."

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I am sorry, Sir, I was inattentive."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member is requested to repeat his question."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister whether it is proposed to increase the number of stipends from next year onwards?"

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" One of the demands that have to be moved is for that purpose, and I hope it will be reached."

Functions and powers of the Selection Committee for the Veterinary College.

* 749 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Selection Committee for the Veterinary College has no defined functions to discharge and no definite powers to exercise; and

(*b*) whether the Principal of the Veterinary College at Madras has made any reference to the Government in regard to the Selection Committee and whether the Government will place a copy of the reference on the table of the House, with the orders of the Government passed thereon?

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 310-311 infra.

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A.—(*a*) The function of the Committee is to assist the Principal of the College with advice in the matter of selecting students for admission into the College.

(*b*) No such communication from the Principal was received by the Government.

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" May I know, Sir, whether it is proposed to abolish the Selection Committee for the Veterinary College ? "

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I do not see any suggestion in the answer to warrant such a question, Sir ? "

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" I want to know whether there is any proposal to abolish the Committee, Sir."

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Not so far as I know, Sir."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" I want to know whether he will consider any such proposal."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I think the supplementary question is far from the question put on paper."

Excise

Steps taken towards complete prohibition.

*750 *Q.*—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have decided to take during this year the first step towards complete prohibition ;

(*b*) in how many districts the Government intend to introduce total prohibition ;

(*c*) whether the Government will also include the Kistna district among them ; and

(*d*) whether the Government propose to apply local option in all municipalities immediately ?

A.—No decision has yet been made by the Government.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether the Government have not decided even to take the first step during the current year towards prohibition ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" No, Sir."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know, with reference to the answer to clause (*d*), whether they are prepared to consider at least the question of local option in view of the fact that the hon. the Excise Minister has mentioned in his speeches made on the floor of this House that the policy is to have prohibition as the goal ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" No, Sir."

Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATI RAJU :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have considered the matter, and when they will come to a decision on the matter ? "